

Porter Screen Warehouse and Distributing Company  
Complex Warehouse #11  
East Spring Street  
Winooski  
Chittenden County  
Vermont

HABS No. VT-101A

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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## PORTER SCREEN WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTING COMPANY COMPLEX WAREHOUSE #11

Location: East Spring Street, Winooski, Chittenden County,  
Vermont.

USGS Burlington Quadrangle Universal Transverse  
Mercator Coordinates: 17.644600.4928040.

Present Owner: Vermont Associates, One Beacon Street, Boston  
Massachusetts.

Present Occupant: Vacant; to be demolished 1979.

Significance: The warehouse was an integral part of the Porter  
Screen Company complex, important in the early  
twentieth century industrial development of  
Winooski. The load bearing masonry walls and wooden  
framing system exemplify early industrial  
construction in New England.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The warehouse was constructed ca. 1900 as part of the complex, which was erected between 1895 and 1900. It was connected to other buildings in the complex by a bridge extending from the west elevation. The major alterations to the building were the addition of a four-story elevator tower and a concrete loading dock.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The brick building has fieldstone foundations and load bearing masonry walls. It measures 100' x 80' and is three-and-one-half stories. The building has a gable roof covered with sheet metal and a corbelled brick cornice. Window and door openings have brick segmental relieving arches. There are loading doors on all three floors on the west elevation. The warehouse was formerly connected to other buildings by bridges from these doors. There is one dormer above the doors. There is an exterior steel stairway on the north elevation. On the south side of the building is a concrete loading dock with a corrugated steel canopy. At the southwest corner there is a four story elevator tower. The interior is framed with wooden posts braced to beams in a grid. Each floor has an identical open room. There are tongue and groove board floors.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

These records are the result of a project undertaken by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as a mitigative effort in the conversion of the complex to Section 8 housing for the elderly. John A. Burns, AIA, was the HABS project coordinator. The written historical and descriptive data was prepared by Emily J. Harris, an Architectural Historian in the HABS office from information compiled by Maximilian T. Ferro of the Preservation Partnership and William Bardner, HUD. Photographs were taken by Sanders Milens on November 1, 1979.